

REPORT OF THE SOLID WASTE CENTER

At this time, I would like to thank the tax payers of Alton for their continued support. Compared to 2008, usage was slower in 2009. This reflects on the economy, and less vacationers spending long vacations. In addition, the recycling market dropped drastically in 2008 and the revenues did not begin to rise until April 2009, causing a decrease in revenues.

Looking forward to 2010, during the months of January until July, the Town will conducting a wind study to see if there could be enough wind to generate electricity year round. If feasible, a windmill will save the Town money in electrical bills for the facility. We will be applying for a grant towards this project. Also, we will be installing two new trash compactors at the facility to replace the older units. These new machines would be cost saving in repairs, electricity and transportation. In transportation alone, the Town would have saved an estimated \$6000 in 2009.

Progress is being made towards the expansion and storm water regulations on the construction/demolition project. Plans are to complete the barn and retention pond in the spring of 2010. A roof will be constructed soon over the construction materials reducing the collection of snow and rain, we should see more savings as we must pay for added weight. In addition, by installing a roof over these materials, including the metal and shingle piles, the Town will be in compliance with the federal storm water regulation. These cost-saving measures at the Solid Waste Center will be a substantial savings to the taxpayers.

In closing I would like to thank my staff for keeping this facility cleaned and operating smoothly and safely. My staff and I would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Fran Washburn and Myrna Knight for keeping the Swap Shop neat and well organized.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Simonds, Director